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SUBJECT: US-POLISH BILATERAL RELATIONS: POSSIBILITY
OF MEETING AT UNGA BETWEEN POLISH FOREIGN
MINISTER AND THE SECRETARY

REF: WARSAW 3470, PARAGRAPH NO. 1

1. VICE FOREIGN MINISTER SPASOWSKI ASKED ME TO CALL
ON HIM THIS MORNING. HE SAID THAT, WITHOUT
MAKING A FORMAL REQUEST, HE WISHED TO MENTION THE
POSSIBILITY OF A MEETING BETWEEN FOREIGN MINISTER
OLSZOWSKI AND THE SECRETARY WHILE BOTH WERE AT THE
UNGA. IN THIS CONNECTION, HE SAID, HE WISHED TO
GIVE ME THE DATES DURING WHICH OLSZOWSKI WOULD BE
AT THE UN; HE LEAVES WARSAW FOR NEW YORK ON
SEPTEMBER 15 AND WILL STAY THERE UNTIL ABOUT THE 27TH.

2. IF IT WERE CONVENIENT, HE SAID, MINISTER OLSZOWSKI
WOULD LIKE, DURING THIS PERIOD, TO HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY
OF EXCHANGING VIEWS WITH THE SECRETARY. IN CLOSING,
HE WISHED AGAIN TO STRESS THAT THIS WAS NOT A FORMAL
REQUEST, BUT RATHER AN INQUIRY ABOUT THE POSSIBILITIES
OF MEETING. HE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION I
COULD TRANSMIT TO HIM ON THIS SUBJECT.

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3. I SAID THAT, AS HE KNEW, THE SECRETARY HAD NOT YET OFFICIALLY ENTERED UPON HIS OFFICE, BUT HAD EXPRESSED THE HOPE DURING THE SFRC HEARINGS THAT HE COULD MEET IN NEW YORK WITH A LARGE NUMBER OF FOREIGN MINISTERS. I ASSUMED THAT, ONCE HE HAD BEEN CONFIRMED AND HAD DECIDED UPON THE TIMING OF HIS VISIT TO NEW YORK, USUN WOULD BE IN A POSITION TO START SCHEDULING APPOINTMENTS AND WOULD DO THIS DIRECTLY WITH THE PERMANENT MISSIONS AT THE UN. I SAID I WOULD TRANSMIT THIS EXPRESSION OF INTEREST TO THE SECRETARY-DESIGNATE, WITH THE RECOMMENDATION THAT AN APPOINTMENT FOR MINISTER OLSZOWSKI BE GIVEN PRIORITY CONSIDERATION ONCE THE NEW SECRETARY'S PLANS FOR VISITING NEW YORK ARE FIRM.

4. COMMENT: SPASOWSKI'S DEFINITION OF THIS APPROACH AS AN "INQUIRY ABOUT POSSIBILITIES", RATHER THAN A "FORMAL REQUEST", WAS THE ONLY INDICATION HE GAVE THAT THE MINISTRY STILL HAD IN MIND THE INABILITY OF OLSZOWSKI TO MEET SECRETARY ROGERS AT HELSINKI (REFTEL). END COMMENT.

5. RECOMMENDATION: I STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT OLSZOWSKI BE GIVEN PRIORITY CONSIDERATION FOR A MEETING WITH THE SECRETARY. FROM OUR POINT OF VIEW, THE PRINCIPAL MESSAGE TO BE CONVEYED AT SUCH A MEETING WOULD BE OUR CONTINUING STRONG INTEREST IN THE PERFORMANCE OF THE POLISH DELEGATION TO THE ICCS. AN EXPOSITION OF OUR POSITION BY THE NEW SECRETARY WOULD BE AN EFFECTIVE STIMULUS IN THE EFFORT TO MOVE THE POLISH GOVERNMENT TO TRANSLATE THE ATMOSPHERICS OF MOVEMENT IN THE DIRECTION OF IMPLEMENTATION OF ITS OBLIGATIONS UNDER THE PARIS AGREEMENT (REPRESENTED BY THE KULAGA APPOINTMENT) INTO PRACTICAL RESULTS IN THE FIELD. END RECOMMENDATION.

7. ACTION REQUESTED: WHEN ACTION ON SCHEDULING A MEETING BECOMES POSSIBLE, I WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING INFORMATION ABOUT ITS TIMING FOR TRANSMITTAL TO SPASOWSKI.
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